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FORMER BORDER PATROL AGENT JOSE COMPEAN RESENTENCED TODAY

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today, that former Border Patrol Agent Jose Compean was resentenced this morning by United States District Court Judge Kathleen Cordone to twelve years in federal prison - the same sentence originally imposed for his role in shooting an unarmed fleeing suspect. Mr. Compean was resentenced on the assault, civil rights and use of a firearm during a crime of violence charges.

On July 28, 2008, the Fifth Circuit, in upholding the majority of Compean and Ramos' convictions, stated that "[t]he trial of the case was conducted fairly and without reversible error." While the majority of the charges against Mr. Compean were upheld, the court did remand the case to the District Court for resentencing after it vacated the obstruction of justice charges.

Agents Jose Compean and Ignacio Ramos were indicted by an El Paso federal grand jury and were convicted after a 2 ½ week jury trial in which both defendants testified. The Fifth Circuit affirmed the most serious charges against them and has denied their request for a rehearing on the matter.

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